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TWO NEW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES AND ADDITIONS TO TWO OTHERS AUTHORIZED BY MIGRATOR? BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Establishment of two new National Wildlife Refuges, one in Florida and one in Colorado, were authorized by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission which met in Washington, D.C., August 15.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, Commission chairman, said the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge, a 12,000-acre subtropical island off the Florida panhandle coast, and Arapahoe National Wildlife Refuge, a 4,434-acre area in North Park, about 150 miles northwest of Denver, Colo., will become important links in the refuge chain that sustains North America's waterfowl resources.

"The marshes of St. Vincent Island will provide wintering habitat for ducks and other water birds, while the Arapahoe area will be developed primarily for waterfowl production." Udall added.

The Commission also approved small additions to Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 14 miles west of Boston, and Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge in northwestern Tennessee.

Members of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission are Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, Chairman, Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Commerce Alexander B. Trowbridge, Senators Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska and Lee Metcalf of Montana, and Representatives Silvio O. Conte of Massachusetts and Frank M. Karsten of Missouri.

Ex-officio members of the Commission on August 15, representing States where acquisitions were discussed, were: Dr. Earle Frye, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Florida; Gilbert N. Hunter, Game, Fish and Parks Department, Colorado; Calvin J. Barstow, Game and Fish Commission, Tennessee; and James M. Shepard, Division of Fisheries and Game, Massachusetts.

Total approved expenditures for land acquisitions were \$2,794,600. Federal funds for purchase of these areas come from the sale of Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps.